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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 November 2003.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 11 and 12 objected to because of the following informalities: please insert a space between claim 11 and 12. Appropriate correction is required.
2. Claims 1-12 are objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 10 recites the limitation "the first and second printing forms" in lines 3 and 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. It is clear that the applicant meant with "a printing form" in claim 1, and "the printing form" in claims 2 and 8 that they are "a first printing form" and "the first printing form" respectively as in claim 10. It should be consistent and the claim language should be clear for the record. Please replace "a printing form" in claim 1 with "a first printing form", and "the printing form" in claims 2 and 8 with "the first printing form". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-8 and 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Siler et al. (US Patent 5,771,811).

Regarding claims 1, 13 and 14, Siler et al. discloses a method and apparatus for presetting motor phase in a web printing press [FIG. 1; column 1, lines 36-49] comprising the steps of:

providing a mark [72; column 4, line 65] on a printing form [28; column 4, line 66];
[column 2, lines 5-8; column 8, lines 59-61, the mark being a function of a desired preset phase for a motor driving the printing form during printing [column 4, lines 44-50; lines 56-61];

reading the mark [72] using a sensor [114, column 4, line 66, reading 70 is reading 72 since they are aligned], the sensor having a sensor output [116; column 4, lines 66-67]; and

presetting the phase of the motor as a function of the sensor output [column 6, lines 2-6].

Regarding claim 14, Siler et al. discloses controller [150] for determining the first preset motor phase information as a function of the output of the first sensor [70]; [114; 116; 100; 154; 156; 150].

Regarding claim 2, Siler et al. discloses wherein the desired preset phase is a function of a physical position of the mark on the printing form [column 4, lines 56-61].

Regarding claims 3 and 4, Siler et al. discloses wherein the mark includes information related to the desired preset phase [column 2, lines 5-9; 14-17].

Regarding claim 5, Siler et al. discloses wherein the printing form is a lithographic printing plate [column 3, lines 33-47].

Regarding claim 6, Siler et al. discloses wherein the mark is located outside a main image area of the printing plate [70; column 4, lines 65-66].

Regarding claim 7, Siler et al. discloses placing the mark on the printing plate during a prepress process [column 6, lines 2-6].

Regarding claim 8, Siler et al. discloses wherein the sensor reads the mark when the printing form is on the printing press [column 3, lines 47-67; column 4, lines 65-67; Fig. 2].

Regarding claim 11, Siler et al. discloses calculating the desired preset phase for a specific job [column 5, lines 66-67; column 6, lines 1-6; 100; 150].

Regarding claim 12, Siler et al. discloses storing the desired preset phase [column 5, lines 21-25; 150].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 10 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Siler et al. (US Patent 5,771,811).

Regarding claim 10, Siler et al. discloses essential elements of the claimed invention except for a second mark on a second printing form, the second mark being a function of a desired preset phase for a second motor driving the second printing form during printing, the first and second printing forms printing different webs. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Siler et al. by including a second mark on a second printing form, the skilled artisan would have been motivated to modify Seiler et al. by adding a second mark on a second printing form, since Siler et al. teaches a first mark and the whole system for the first web, having to duplicate Siler's system including the mark, i.e. by adding a second mark would be beneficial for the purpose of having a second web for another or different printing product.

Regarding claim 16, Siler et al. discloses essential elements of the claimed invention except for a second printing group for printing a second web and having at least one second drive motor and at least one second printing form, the second printing form having a second mark providing second preset motor phase information for presetting the second drive motor to a second preset phase. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Siler et al. by including a second printing group for printing a second web, the skilled artisan would have been motivated to modify Seiler et al. by including a second printing group for printing a second web, since Siler et al. teaches a first printing group to make the first web, having to duplicate Siler's system

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including a printing group, i.e. adding a second printing group for printing a second web would be beneficial for the purpose of having a second web for another or different printing product.

7. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Siler et al. (US Patent 5,771,811) in view of Banke (US Patent 4,872,407).

Siler et al. discloses the essential elements of the claimed invention except for wherein the sensor reads the mark prior to placement of the printing plate on the printing press. Banke discloses the sensor reads the mark prior to placement of the printing plate on the printing press [6, 5, 1; Abstract]. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Siler et al. by including the sensor reads the mark prior to placement of the printing plate on the printing press, the skilled artisan would have been motivated to modify Seiler et al. to add the sensor reads the mark prior to placement of the printing plate on the printing press, since having the sensor reads the mark prior to placement of the printing plate on the printing press would be beneficial for the purpose of properly positioning the plate to the cylinder.

8. Claims 15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Siler et al. (US Patent 5,771,811) in view of Chretienat et al. (US Patent 6,167,806 B1).

Regarding claim 15, Siler et al. discloses having a cutting device for cutting the web into signatures, the first preset motor phase information being a function of a reference position of the cutting device [column 4, lines 20-22].

Siler et al. discloses the essential elements of the claimed invention except for a folder. Chretienat et al. discloses a folder [10; column 6, lines 41-43]. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Siler et al. by including a folder, the skilled artisan would have been motivated to modify Seiler et al. to add a folder, since having a folder would be beneficial for the purpose of folding the printing material after being cut, storing and delivering it to the user, basically to make up a specific product such as magazines or newspaper as taught by Chretienat et al..

Regarding claim 17, Siler et al. discloses Siler et al. discloses the essential elements of the claimed invention except for that the controller controls the first and the second drive motors. Chretienat et al. discloses that the controller controls the first and the second drive motors [6; column 6, lines 44-47]. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Siler et al. by including that the controller controls the first and the second drive motors, the skilled artisan would have been motivated to modify Seiler et al. to add a that the controller controls the first and the second drive motors, since having a second printing group for printing a second web would be beneficial for the purpose of folding the printing material after being cut, storing and deliver it to the user, basically to make up a specific product such as magazines or newspaper as taught by Chretienat et al..

9. Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Siler et al. (US Patent 5,771,811) in view of Hunold et al. (US Patent 6,165,732 B2).

Regarding claim 18, Siler et al. discloses the essential elements of the claimed invention except for a printing form imaging device connected to the controller for creating the mark. Hunold et al. discloses a printing form imaging device connected to the controller for creating the mark [column 7, lines 34-46; 53-64; column 8, lines 15-17]. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Hunold et al. by including a printing form imaging device connected to the controller for creating the mark, the skilled artisan would have been motivated to modify Seiler et al. to include a printing form imaging device connected to the controller for creating the mark, since having a printing form imaging device connected to the controller for creating the mark would be beneficial for the purpose one printing device for the printing plate and the register mark in one machine.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wasseem H Hamdan whose telephone number is (571) 272-2166. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (first Friday off) 6:30 AM- 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew H Hirshfeld can be reached on (571) 272-2168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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